OBJECT LESSON OR KIDS SERMON

ITEMS NEEDED:
A backpack
Pencils
Folders
School books

Set all of the items out on the table. Ask the kids what they think is the most important thing they need for school on day one - the one thing they should grab first. See who picks each item, and ask them why they chose those items.

All of these items are important for a good day of school. We need textbooks to help us learn math, reading, history, and science. We need pencils to help us do our work. And we need folders to help us keep that work together and organized. But before we grab any of those supplies, we need to grab our backpacks.

Pick up the backpack.

Backpacks help us keep things all together. They give us a place to carry and store all our other school supplies. Yes, you can go to school without a backpack. You can carry your books, papers, folders, and pencils in your arms. But it's much easier to pack them all in your backpack, isn't it?

When you start your day with God, you'll find it's a lot like carrying that backpack. God can help you carry whatever problems or worries you have. He can take those worries from you so that you can focus on your day. He will show you opportunities to love others and do the right thing.

You can face a school day without God. You can have good days without God. But just like this backpack, all our days go better when we start with God. He helps us keep everything where it belongs. Let's make a commitment to begin each day of this school year with the Lord, so he can make all our days - and this entire year - the best they can be!